REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to cross reference the parent application.

Applicants have amended the claims taking into consideration the prosecution in the parent application. This application is a divisional application in which original claims 1-17 have been canceled from the application as being directed to the non-elected invention and new claims 18-27 have been added to more particularly define the invention.

Applicants believe that these claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record in the parent application.

The present application is a divisional application and no prior art has been cited in the parent application.

In view of the above amendments to the claims an early and favorable action on the merits is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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